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what's happening at the bridge

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Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people
Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life

Sun. Sep. 13 - 9:00 am - Outdoor Sunday Service -
10:00 am on Facebook and YouTube

Sun. Sep. 20- 10:00 am - Sunday Service - Facebook and YouTube

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Before the service visiting time Zoom - 9:15 - 9:55

This is link to use weekly

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81276261023?pwd=Q3dEWXpWcGEyVTBodlVFUXlDREN2Zz09

Meeting ID: 812 7626 1023

Password: 703335

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_koqkyqdW43YbC9evcgxFQ/videos

Sunday, Sep. 6 - Facebook Live Service -

https://youtu.be/1ErYjn7IY90

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge****? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:*

Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group - Give generously - Cherish children - Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community

Worship Weekly

Date: September 13, 2020
Title: "It's Time To Go Sailing."
Text: Luke 1: 26 – 37, John 15: 1 – 5
Questions:

- What did Jesus mean when he said: "Apart from me you can NOTHING?"
- What did the angel Gabriel mean when he said to Mary: "With God NOTHING is impossible?"
- This morning we will discuss the differences between a Rowboat Church and a Sailboat Church. Which type of church do you want to be a part of?

The Rowboat Church

* **Attitude** = Either "WE can or WE can't do what God has called US to do.
* **Progress** = "Depends on circumstances like how much money do WE have or where is OUR location."
* **Focus** = "What can WE do with what WE have?"

The Sailboat Church

* **Attitude** = "GOD can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."
* **Progress** = "Because God leads and empowers us, what we lack in resources is not decisive to what God can accomplish in us.
* **Focus** = "What is God leading us to be and do now in the place where we find our selves?"

bridge "Notes" from Patty

"How do you see God working?" Doug asks us this almost weekly. One of my biggest blessings in 2020 has been a rejuvenated love for nature. I have time now to walk outside and marvel at God's creation. I am in awe of the amazing diversity in nature and how things connect together and grow and prosper. I'm preparing for worship on Sunday and reading the scripture from John 15. Jesus says, "I am the true vine. My Father is the gardener." I give thanks that if we stay joined to the vine, (like branches) nothing is impossible. I love this song from Psalm 91 *"On Eagles Wings"* performed here by Taryn Harbridge. I can't wait to see you all Sunday!!!

https://youtu.be/scDRvuAGHGE

Elise's Tech Time

We have several Zoom meetings on the church calendar that are repeating events that use the same link every week. Instead of having to dig through your email to find the link, here are some steps to add a Zoom invite to your calendar!

Step one for any e-calendar is to find the emailed Zoom invite and click the link after this text "Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system."

Google Calendar

1. Open Google Calendar.

2. In the top right, click **Settings > Settings.**

3. Click **Import & Export.**

4. Click **Select file from your computer** and select the file you exported. The file should end in "ics" or "csv".

5. Choose which calendar to add the imported events to. By default, events will be imported into your primary calendar.

6. Click **Import**

Outlook

1. At the bottom of the page, select **Calendar**.

2. In the navigation pane, select **Add calendar**.

3. Select **Upload from file**.

4. Select **Browse**, choose the .ics file you want to upload, and then select **Open**.

5. Select the calendar that you want the file imported to, and then select **Import**.

Apple Calendar

1. Choose **File > Import**.

2. Select the file with the events, then click **Import**.

3. Choose the calendar to add the events to.

If you have any questions or need further directions or assistance please email Elise at elisethebridge@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and phone number in the email and she will reach out to you as soon as she is available

Outdoor Worship
Sunday, September 13th, 2020 - 9AM

This Sunday, September 13th, the bridge will be gathering outdoors at 9AM to worship together in the parking lot next to the Medical Building.

Bring your chair, your coffee and your mask and join us as we worship together.

Liturgies will be sent to you via your Care Elder, but printed copies will also be available at the Service.

For those who want to remain in your cars with the engine off, there are about 8 parking spaces that allow for a view (some are obstructed). This parking is in the lot next to the old children's area entrance.

Just a reminder that attendees who are not staying in their cars will need to practice social distancing and respect people's personal space. Not everyone has the same comfort level regarding personal space. A mask is required when **walking, standing, or singing, but may be removed once you are seated.**

Coffee will be on sale and a collection will be taken so you may want to bring cash (**exact change needed**) or checks to make these purchases.

Also please remember your backpacks and school supplies for the children of Brunswick County.

Mary Ellen Cole will have a table for the exchange of books and puzzles so bring your old ones and get a new one for the days ahead.

One final reminder, since there is a 40% chance of rain, please check the bridge Facebook page before you head out to Service. A cancellation will be posted by 7:30AM.

And if there is a rain event or you are not comfortable worshipping outdoors, please know you can gather on Facebook at 10AM to worship.

Book & Puzzle & Whatever Else Exchange

This Sunday, Sept. 13 at the outdoor worship service

Tired of putting together the same old puzzles? Rereading the same tired book? Watched that DVD over and over and over?

Let's have an exchange!

At the outdoor service on Sept. 14th, we will have a socially distant table to deposit your gently used items. Please clean to COVID standards any donations.

Please take whatever you think you will enjoy.

Items left behind will be donated to the local thrift shop

Dr. Doug To Participate In Leland VFW Day of Remembrance

Leland VFW Post 12196

Leland VFW Post 12196 and the John E. Jacob's American Legion Post 68, Leland, will hold a Patriot Day ceremony - A National Day of Service and Remembrance - on **Sept. 11, 2020.** Members of the the public are invited to attend.

The ceremony will be held at the Belville Veteran's Memorial, Brunswick Riverwalk Park, beginning at 8:30 am. The program is expected to last about an hour and will include speeches from local leaders and a program by the veterans' organizations.

Featured speakers will include Belville Mayor Mike Allen, Leland Mayor Brenda Bozeman, and William Bishop, Jr., Lt Col USAF (Retired).

Dr. Doug will be giving the opening and closing prayers

For further information, please Leland VFW at call (910) 408-1934 or email vfwpost12196@gmail.com. Or email the John E. Jacob's American Legion Post 68 at commander@ncpost68.org.

Leland City-wide Prayer Event: September 14

Reach Community Church in Leland is hosting a city-wide prayer event on Sept. 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Twelve churches, including the bridge, have been invited to participate and pray for healing for our city, community, and nation during these uncertain times.

The event will be held outside at 141 Old Fayetteville Rd, Leland (three acres of property at the corner of Division Drive and Old Fayetteville Rd). More information about this event can be found at this link:

https://www.thedailies.net/2nd-chronicles-7-14-prayer-event

The hosts plan to provide written prayers to serve as a starting point for prayer and for those who may choose to stay in their cars should it rain. There will be plenty of parking available and social distancing will be practiced.

Doug plans to participate to support this city-wide prayer effort. For additional information, contact Marilyn Vernon at marilyn.vernon2@gmail.com.

Beginning Wed Sept 9th:

The bridge Presbyterian Church Zoom Lunch Together

11:45 - 12:45

Beginning Wed Sept 9th, Dr. Doug will host a mid-week gathering for all interested bridge covenant partners and friends. It will be an informal time to stay connected; discuss life and the church; share future plans; laugh and pray as a church family.

Bring a lunch; bring a question; bring a prayer request; share a story; lead us in a song and chill with your church family every Wednesday from noon till one o clock. For this initiative to go and grow, a minimum of ten individuals or families is needed. Not everyone has to show up every week, but part of the blessing of this time is the commitment we make one to another.

If you are interested in becoming part of this informal group, please email the church office at thebridgepres@gmail.com and let Wanda know. If you have ideas about how to use this time (can you say Facebook Challenge), please share them in your email to Wanda.

Connections

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE??

WE ARE PLANNING A VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS CLASS on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH @11:15AM

Are you looking for a more meaningful way to connect with our bridge family? Are you considering becoming a Covenant Partner?

Please join us for an informal information session hosted by the Connections Team, Sunday, September 20th immediately following our 10AM service. This a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about *the bridge* and spend some time getting to know our Pastor, Doug Cushing, and others who are new to our church family. Doug will discuss how our church was started and God's mission for *the bridge*. He will give us an overview of our 8 core habits and how these core habits connect with the ministry teams. Doug will share some of our plans for helping our community and growing our church. He will also discuss how you can join our mission by becoming a Covenant Partner when you are ready to do so.

We invite anyone who has worshiped with us and wants to learn more to consider this time of fellowship and information. We wish that we could meet with you in person but hope that a virtual connection will be the next best thing.

You can sign up by contacting Wanda via email at thebridgepres@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming another great group to our church family!!

Nominating Committee

All congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are required by the Constitution to have a representative committee to make nominations for the offices of elder.
Presbyterian polity provides church members with the right to choose those who rule over them. A representative nominating committee is elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting, to discern who God has already chosen for the new elder positions. The Pastor is also a member of the committee, serving ex officio and without a vote.

Our church members who have agreed to serve on this committee are:

Patti Pirher, Moderating Elder
Greer Broadwater, Inactive Elder
Kathy Dixon
Romie Holmes
Clyde Queen

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Bios of the Committee Members

Patti Pirher -- Five years ago, Ed and I were invited to the bridge by Linda and George Wells, and Cindy and Paul Rupprecht. We were impressed with Dr. Doug's sermons, enjoyed the music and worship service, were welcomed by Sharon and the congregation, and were thankful to find our new Church home. I am presently your Missions elder and Nominating Committee elder. Ed is my personal Administrative Assistant.

Kathy Dixon -- My husband Bob and I first came to the bridge in November 2016 and became Covenant Partners shortly thereafter. Since then, I've enjoyed supporting the bridge and our mission in a variety of ways. I am a member of the Worship Committee, Technology Team and Connections Team. I was a member of the search team that hired Patty as our Director of Music and have participated in Vacation Bible School and small groups.

Clyde Queen -- We moved to Leland in 2012 and for a couple of years visited a number of churches looking for a new church home. When we attended a Newcomers' Club end of year luncheon in 2014, Doug did the invocation. We decided to check out the bridge and the rest is history. I am involved with the Men's Wednesday morning group, as an usher and greeter, and I am presently serving on the Prayer and Care team.

Greer Broadwater -- My husband Tom and I moved from just south of Atlanta in August of 2015. The bridge was the only church we visited and we knew right away that it would be our home church. We became charter covenant partners and have been involved in numerous activities and missions ever since. I served as Small Group elder until rotating off the session in January 2020. It will be a privilege to serve on the elder nominating committee.

Romie Holmes -- After 40 years of service in Law Enforcement, Arlene and I retired to Leland. I have degrees in law enforcement and business management. Arlene and I are charter, Covenant Partners and have been active in many ministries of the bridge. I have served on the Missions Team and the Audio/Visual/Technology Team as well as being the unofficial church photographer.

Pray Daily

Prayers for:

- Perry Boone, recovering from emergency surgery for a detached retina; prayers for healing and complete recovery.
- James Boseman, having medical tests that have yet to determine a reason for his unexplained weakness and loss of strength, prayers for a diagnosis and recovery.
- Donna Maher, recovering from a broken ankle after a recent fall.
- Karen Cushing, Doug's mother, recovering from successful hip replacement surgery on 8/31.
- Karen Greene, surgery on September 10 to remove a section of her intestine (friend and colleague of Elizabeth Murray).

Joys:

- Grandparents Andrew and Cathy Purves welcome new grandson Graham Andrew Fisher, born on September 7 in California.

Sympathy:

- Roger Shearin in the passing of his mother Annie Pearl Shearin (friend of Chris Murray)

Cherish Children

During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at efmurray1975@gmail.com if you are not getting the resources and would like to.

Give Generously

This Week's giving total - $ 3,122.00

As you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail you pledges to

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or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check.

It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

CHURCH METRICS

Participation Metrics from Sunday August 30th

Maximum Live Viewers	Service Reached on FB	Total views Sunday (FB + Youtube)	% FB / % Youtube (live)
49	173	92	93% / 7%

* Reached on Facebook is when the service appears on someone's newsfeed
* Though the number of views is a good metric, it may not be accurate to actual people watching as there are couples and families watching together. Participation may be up to 2 times higher than views.

Serve Our Community

Our September featured Mission Partners:

Matthew's Ministry and Charter Day School of Roger Bacon Academy.

Matthew's Ministry provides food for local children so they have nourishment on weekends. Backpacks are needed to send the groceries home with them. The bridge sponsors Town Creek Elementary and Charter Day School.

Charter Day School is in need of loose leaf paper, one subject notebooks, glue sticks, pencil pouches, and erasers.

If you feel called to support these ministries, **a bin will be provided for your donations at the outdoor service on Sunday, Sept. 13th.** There will also be a collection later in the month.

Monetary donations may be sent to the bridge Presbyterian Church,

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with "Matthew's Ministry" or "Charter Day School" on the memo line.

Our August featured mission partners were Town Creek Elementary and Lincoln Elementary Schools. We collected 20 binders, 20 pencil pouches, 18 pencil boxes, 25 headphones, pencils, crayons, and $415 in monetary donations.
Thank you all for generously providing for the children of Brunswick County Schools through our mission projects.
Your Mission Team

Disaster Recovery Team Update

Flu Shots

September and October are the Best Months to Get A Flu Shot

NHRMC Physician Group practices will be offering several options for getting a flu shot this year. Per CDC recommendations, NHRMC practices will provide flu vaccines for the 2020-2021 flu season beginning in September and recommend everyone get their vaccine in September or October.

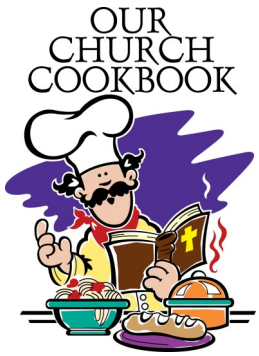
The CDC does not recommend flu vaccination earlier in the year, particularly for elderly or high-risk patients, because the shot's protection might be reduced later in the flu season.

How to Get A Flu Vaccine This Fall:

1. Call your doctor's office or use NHRMC MyChart to schedule an appointment for the shot with your provider or their clinical team
2. Visit any NHRMC ExpressCare location – no appointment needed (Please check first to see if COVID-19 restrictions have affected Express care hours).

COMING SOON – "Flu Thru" Drive-Thru Flu Shots at select NHRMC Physician Group primary care locations. Look for more information on scheduling your "Flu Thru" appointment in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about the flu vaccine or your risk for contracting the flu, please reach out to your personal physician.



Church Cookbook Update

Thank you to all who provided recipes for the church cookbook ! There were 316 recipes submitted !

The committee is doing the final review and putting finishing touches on the cookbook.

As they begin to order, they need a projected count of cookbook orders. The cost is going to be around $20 , a final price will be determined by the number ordered.

If you are planning to order a cookbook(s), please email Kathy Westphal at kathywestphal16@gmail.com or Sharon Wingert at swim05@aol.com with your potential order.

American Red Cross

American Legion Post 68 Blood Drive.

Let's Save Some Lives!

The John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 11, 2020! The Need for Blood and Plasma is Constant. Join Us. Save Lives. Be Proud.

When: Friday, September 11, 2020

Time: 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Place: Brunswick County Complex-Cooperative Extension (Building-N) 25 Referendum Drive NE Bolivia, NC 28422

Appointments are required! No walk-ins.

For an appointment: - Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter American Legion Post 68 in the "Find a Blood Drive" search box in the upper right-hand corner of the home page or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) –

1. Select an Appointment Time –
2. Complete the donor Rapid Pass to help speed your check-in –
3. Arrive 15 minutes before your appointment - Bring a photo ID or your Red Cross donor card –
4. Wear a mask

Help Those Who are Fighting Covid—19. Join The Fight!

The Hospitality team is resuming our Equal Exchange Coffee sales. Equal Exchange is one of The Bridge's Sustainable Partners. The sale of the products serves a dual purpose. First, we are investing in small farmers to become independent and profitable as well as sustaining their land while providing an organic product. The second purpose is to provide the coffee that we use for our Coffee Fellowship when we worship at the Bridge.

We currently are unable to physically enjoy Sunday Coffee Fellowship, but wouldn't it be wonderful to enjoy a cup of Equal Exchange coffee while connecting with each other on Zoom, prior to Sunday worship? **You can!** Below you will find a list of our products as well as the price. If you do not enjoy coffee, we are selling, tea, hot chocolate and for those with a sweet tooth we are selling chocolates

Ordering is easy as can be. Email Jane Jones at Auntiejj1963 @gmail.com. or Sandy Sears at slsoct@yahoo.com. We will be offering delivery or pickup. Ordered items can be picked up at the Bridge on the second and fourth Thursday, between 11am-12pm. Exact payment of cash or check is requested to limit contact. If you prefer zero contact, payments can be mailed to the church office, with the word COFFEE in the memo and your purchases can be delivered to your doorstep. We are limiting deliveries to the Leland Area.

If you have any questions you may email either Jane or Sandy at the emails above.

We look forward to your support, as well as sharing a cup of Equal Exchange coffee with each other as we connect virtually and or physically.

Thank you,

Jane Jones and Sandy Sears on behalf of the Hospitality Committee

ITEM	PRICE
Bags of Coffee	
Decaf	$8.50
French Roast	$8.00
Love Buzz	$8.00
Breakfast Blend	$8.00
Whole Bean	$8.00
K-Cups	
Decaf	$7.00
French Roast	$7.00
Breakfast Blend	$7.00
Chocolate Bars	
Milk	$3.00
Very Dark	$3.00
Chocolate Mint Crunch	$3.00
Dark Chocolate Almond	$3.00
Dark Caramel Crunch	$3.00
Milk Caramel Crunch	$3.00
Coconut	$3.00
Orange	$3.00
Mini Chocolate 16 per bag	
Milk Chocolate	$5.00
Dark Chocolate	$5.00
Cashews	$7.00
Hot Chocolate	
Regular	$6.00
Dark Chocolate	$6.00
Tea	
Green Tea	$4.00

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge

September

Larry Shackleton	5
Pat Smith	11
Charles Riddle	17
George Robertson	18
Jay Benton	20
Jan Steffenauer	28